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What's New?

Forms

- [Form 9-38e](#), **Notice of Change of Child Abuse Finding to Not Established after Appeal-Appellate Division Decision-Fact-Finding**: this new form letter is a hybrid of the [9-38a](#), "Notification Letter to Parent, Guardian or Caregiver and Alleged Perpetrator, If Child Abuse/Neglect Is NOT ESTABLISHED - with Frequently Asked Questions," and [9-38c](#), "Perpetrator Response Letter – Not Established," and provides notice to alleged perpetrators that the finding has been changed to "Not Established." It also informs them of their right to provide supplemental information for the Local Office to consider (see *S.C. v. New Jersey Department of Children and Families*). This letter has been created so that, in the circumstances listed below, the Local Office will not have to send both the 9-38a and 9-38c, but only this letter, which streamlines the process and eliminates confusion for alleged perpetrators. This letter shall be used in the following circumstances:
 - The finding was appealed, and upon review for transmittal of the case to the Office of Administrative Law, it was determined that the alleged perpetrator's action or inaction did not constitute abuse/neglect, and that a finding of "Not Established" was appropriate; or,
 - Following review by the Appellate Division, the court determined that the alleged perpetrator's action or inaction did not constitute child abuse/neglect. The "Substantiated" or "Established" child abuse/neglect finding was modified in accordance with that decision. The Local Office then re-reviewed the case and it was determined that a finding of "Not Established" was appropriate; or,
 - Following a Fact-Finding Hearing, the judge determined that the alleged perpetrator's action or inaction did not constitute child abuse/neglect. The "Substantiated" or "Established"

child abuse/neglect finding was modified in accordance with that decision. The Local Office then re-reviewed the case and it was determined that a finding of “Not Established” was appropriate.

A Spanish version of this form will be forthcoming.

- [Form 26-55](#), **Interoffice Case Transfer Checklist**: this form has been created to track and confirm which CP&P Local Office is the office of supervision when a family moves from one catchment area to another.

What’s Revised?

Policy

- [CPP-II-C-1-200](#), **Office of Supervision**: this issuance has been revised to consolidate the policies and procedures in determining the office of supervision.
- [CP&P-V-A-3-800](#), **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)**: this issuance has been updated to include EPSDT examinations at 30 months and 36 months, which are now covered by the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), which commenced July 1, 2021, and is recommended by the CDC for all children.

DCF Building Entry Protocol

- On Friday, June 4, 2021 Governor Murphy announced an official end to the COVID-19 public health emergency. In accordance with this termination, and consistent with the requirements of [Executive Order 192](#), effective July 6, 2021, the following will apply to DCF staff and visitors:
 - **Temperature Checks**: staff and visitors will no longer be subject to temperature checks.
 - **Health self-screens**: all staff and visitors will be directed to self-screen prior to arrival at a DCF building and/or reporting for work. In addition, a sign will be posted at the entrances of all DCF buildings, advising staff and visitors that by entering, they are affirming that they are not symptomatic, have not been exposed to someone who is positive for COVID-19, and that they are not under a quarantine order.
 - **Masks**: for now, DCF will continue to require all staff and visitors to wear a mask in the building and continue to practice social distancing. As has been the case, staff may remove their masks only at their workstations, provided they can maintain 6-feet of distance from others.

See, all-staff email from June 29, 2021 for the “Building Entry Protocol form” and the “DCF Staff Screening Questionnaire.”

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